

Bug Creek Trail



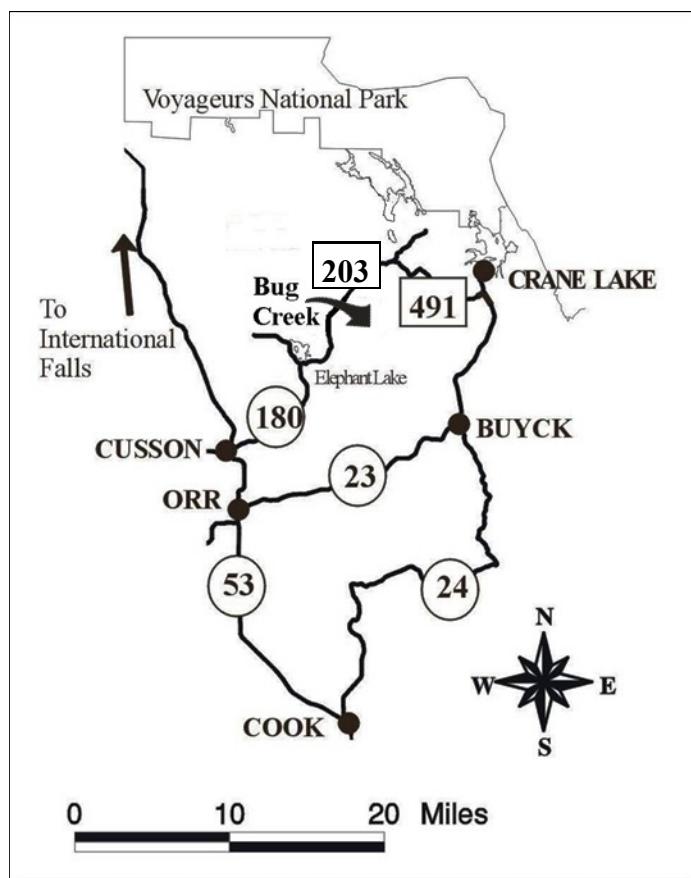
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LACROIX RANGER DISTRICT

COOK, MINNESOTA

Features

- 2 mile trail
- Pat Zakovek Waterfowl Impoundment
- Birding opportunity—waterfowl and songbirds
- Overlooks with benches



Location

Bug Creek Trail is located 17 miles northeast of Orr, MN.

- From Orr, continue north on U.S. Hwy 53 to Cusson (4 miles).
- Turn right onto St. Louis County 180. At Elephant Lake (10.6 miles), County 180 becomes Forest Road 203.
- From Elephant Lake, continue on Forest Road 203 for 3.4 miles to the trail head.
- Bug Creek Trail and parking area are on the right.



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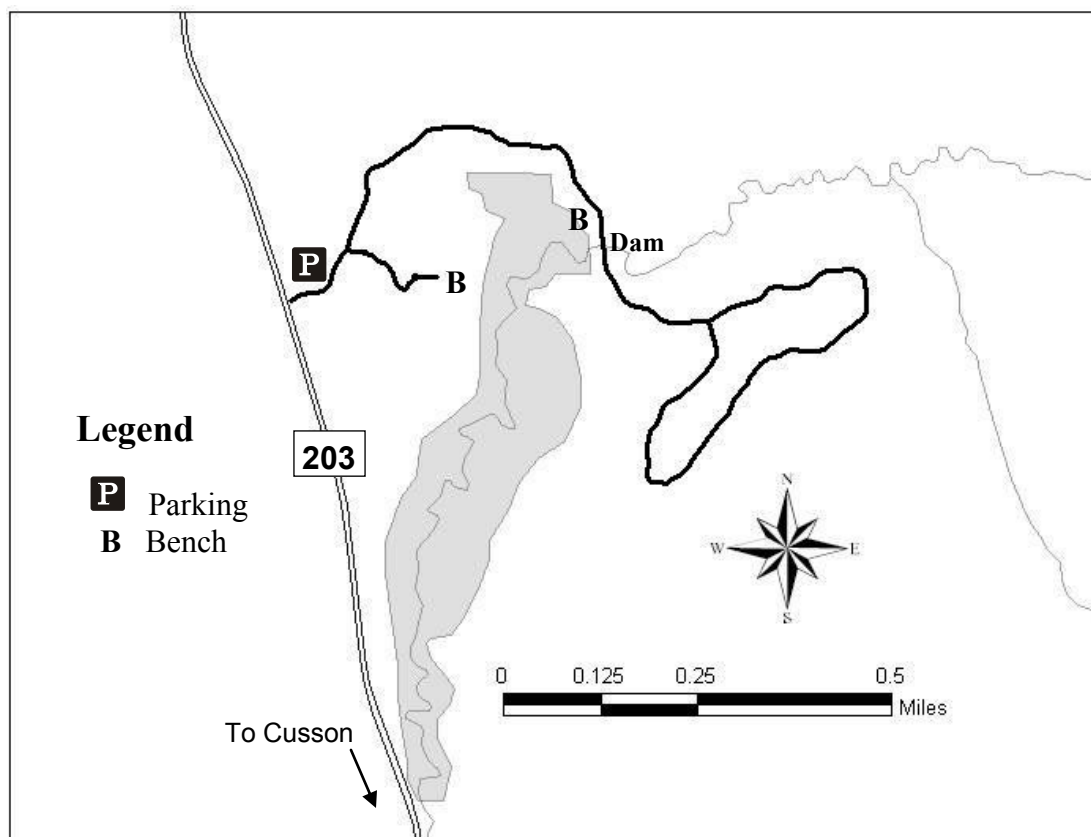
Description

Bug Creek Trail is part of the Pat Zakovek Waterfowl Impoundment, an 80-acre flooded area created by a dam in 1991 to increase waterfowl nesting habitat and resting areas during migration.

It's a ten minute walk from the parking area to the overlook where mallards, teal, scaup, ring-necked and wood ducks are common. You may also see pelicans, geese, herons, pied-billed grebes and trumpeter swans. Periodic lowering of the water level and prescribed burning in the spring have allowed the construction of permanent nesting islands and the seeding of wild rice. A trail around the impoundment crosses the dam and continues around a loop on a rocky outcropping with a mix of pine, oak and maple trees. Rock cairns mark the trail in this area.

Many species of warblers, including golden-winged, black & white, yellow, mourning, chestnut-sided and ovenbirds can be spotted. Some of the other songbirds common here are rose-breasted grosbeaks, ruby-crowned kinglets, winter wrens and cedar waxwings.

Dedicated to Patricia Zakovek, first director of the 1854 Treaty Authority, this project is a cooperative effort between the 1854 Treaty Authority, US Fish & Wildlife Service, US Forest Service, Minnesota DNR and St. Louis County.



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